GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST ANGLIA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HAMBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH & GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE AND EAST ANGLIA)

England & Wales · Charity number 1135273

Details

Other names	GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE AND EAST ANGLIA, DEUTSCHEN LUTHERISCHEN KIRCHE IN CAMBRIDGE UND EAST ANGLIA, EVANGELISCH-LUTHERISCHE KIRCHE DEUTSCHER SPRACHE IN OSTENGLAND (VORMALS HAMBURGER LUTH. KIRCHE & DEUTSCHE LUTH. KIRCHE IN CAMBRIDGE UND EAST ANGLIA)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-03-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTIVE FOR WHICH THIS CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

Activities: Religious activities

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Bedford
- Cambridgeshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Essex
- Milton Keynes
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£133,621	£102,869	-	-
2023-12-31	£113,681	£104,779	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,875	£108,284	-	-
2021-12-31	£85,630	£99,919	-	-
2020-12-31	£67,854	£116,045	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Kerstin Othmer	Chair	2020-09-19
Andreas Christian Moering		2020-10-11
Birgit Ewald		2023-01-14
DR GERHARD GOLDBECK		
Daphne Alison Rose		2017-06-11
Dr Bianca Finger-Berry		2023-02-24
Dr Peter Schuetz		2020-10-11
Hildegard O'Kane		
MARGARET JOY LONGSTAFF		
Sabine Kornelia Hathaway		2014-06-08

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GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST ANGLIA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HAMBURG LUT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135273

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135273

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

for

German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

German-Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees	Dr B Becker Mrs B Ewald Dr B Finger-Berry Dr G Goldbeck Mrs S K Hathaway Miss M Longstaff Mr A C Emerson-Moring Mrs H O'Kane Rev K Othmer Mrs D Rose Dr P Schutz
Principal Address	Shaftesbury House 4 Shaftesbury Road Cambridge CB2 8BW
Charity Registration Number	1135273
Independent Examiner	Geoff Mann Geoff Mann Limited Dee House Highworth Avenue Cambridge CB4 2BQ
Bankers	Bank fur Kirche und Diakonie, Dortmund Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester HSBC Bank, Billericay, Essex Schroder & Co Ltd, London

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the surplus or deficit of the church for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

(i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
(ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(iii) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue in business.
(iv) Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Objectivities and Activities

Objectives, Organisations and Activities

The objective for which this charity has been established is the advancement of the Christian religion. This is achieved primarily by providing church services, pastoral care and other related activities for German speaking Protestant Christians

The Church comprises 5 congregations. These are based in Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and in Essex. For a large part the Church's activities are undertaken for the benefit of its congregations and other German-speaking people living in East Anglia.

The church is a member of the Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, referred to as 'The Synod' under which the German-speaking Protestant congregations *such as our church) are united in Great Britain.

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Under the faithful, creative, encouraging and enthusiastic leadership of our full-time clergy, Pastorin Kerstin Othmer, in 2024, the Church has expanded its sharing of church activities and expertise with the other congregations within the Synod. More about this later in this report.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion; enabling ordinary people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

Achievements and Performance

Charitable Activities, Achievements and Performance

The Trustees (also referred to as 'Church Council' [Kirchenvorstand]) are pleased to report that, during the year 2024, our church activities have positively engaged with a wide range of people and enabled them to discover and to grow in the Christian faith and to experience and share in Christian fellowship.

Our Church's five congregations have regular in-person church services and Bible studies as well as many individual pastoral home visits which are increasingly necessitated by the advancing age and decreasing mobility of a number of the church members.

Each of these congregations highly values belonging to a German-speaking Christian church community while also being a base from which to reach out and care for the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of their fellow members, guests and visitors - and to their local ecumenical contacts.

Additionally to in-person meetings, members of the East Anglian congregations (together with guests from further afield) met in weekly online devotional times during Lent and Advent and on other special occasions in the Church year.

Members and guests also enjoyed taking part in several UK-wide online church services that were prepared by the constituent members of the Synod.

Aside from the above mentioned church services, Bible studies, pastoral visits and devotional times there are also further activities taking place during the year. These are generally developed by Pastorin Kirsten Othmer in cooperation with dedicated volunteers from the church who assist with their skills, talents, spiritual input, insight and local knowledge. A description of some of these can be found in the next chapter.

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Highlights in the Year 2024

Events for and by all the generations

- During the summer, we celebrated not only the confirmation of three young people, but also several important anniversaries of confirmations for older members, for example, 70 years since confirmation.

- We celebrated our Church's Summer Fete (Sommerfest) in July. It was delightful to welcome visitors from the German-speaking congregations of London East to this.

- A very enjoyable barbeque at the end of the summer school holidays was held in the garden of the Church House in Cambridge, After a long summer break it provided a good opportunity for the 'regulars' to welcome new people.

- The annual congregational residential weekend was held on 11 - 13 October at the Christian Conference Centre, The Pleasaunce, Overstand next to a beautiful Norfolk beach. Opening up the attendance at this weekend to include other member churches of the Synod further enhanced the friendly and relaxed experience of Christian fellowship and it was a resounding success.

- The popular, intergenerational St Martin's Day Festival in November was again attended by approximately 75 people. It attracts non church and unchurched people from Cambridge and beyond, alongside regular church members and included a puppet show and a lantern procession.

- An Advent Market (Adventsbasar), while providing members with much loved opportunities to celebrate amd socialise within a German-speaking cultural context, this also attracts guests with no formal links to the church and leads to enhanced intercultural understanding

- In November, the church was registered with the Eco Church initiative. This is an 'A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the Gospel is good news for God's earth'. Many aspects of our church life were assessed against the Eco Church catalogue of green credentials. We are pleased to have achieved the 'Eco Church Bronze Medal', We have identified areas for future improvement in being an Eco Church in 2025.

- The Church has a spacious rear garden at the Church House in Cambridge. This proves to be immenseley useful, by not only being a much appreciated space utilised for outdooe church activities, but also for providing a space that links us to local community groups, for example, to celebrate the anniversary of a choir, enable meetings by a Taizé worship group or regular use by a nearby Montessori nursery group.

Report of the Trustees

Children's and young people's church work

- During school term time, a dedicated team of volunteers have led Children's Church (Kindergottesdienst) in Cambridge. It then runs in parallel with the regular church services, unless there is already another children's event going to take place in church that day, e.g. St Martin's Day Celebration. The team meets regularly for training, support and planning. While expertly taught and equipped by Pastorin Othmer, the team have also developed into a network providing personal and Christian fellowship support for each other.

- 3 young people from our congregation completed their year-long confirmation preparation course, leading to their Confirmations during July.

- Following an unexpected vacancy of the pastor's post in the congregations of West London, our pastor together with Silke Halfmann, the pastor of the congregations of London East, had kindly taken on additional confirmation classes and celebrated the confirming of two groups of young people.

Internship

The Church Council and the congregation are very grateful to Lydia Werner for her month long internship in the work of our Church in the autumn. She contributed to the life of the Church in many ways. Pastorin Kerstin Othmer provided valuable practical and theological guidance and professional development for her.

Activities across Great Britain in 2024

- Through her untiring commitment to theological education for children and young people and training for lay readers, Pastorin Kerstin Othmer contributes and leads on a number of national activities. Following commission of the Synod she leads, guides and implements face-to-face and online training/education days and weekend courses:

  a) for lay readers (Prädikanten/Prädikantinnen) from across Great Britain.
  The church base in Cambridge provided the location, facilities and hospitality for the residential weekend training in September.
  b) for people engaged in conducting Children's Church in their respective congregations.

- Pastorin Othmer engages collaboratively with her colleagues from the Synod on theological projects.

- Equally, she is ecumenically active by participating in and supporting local Christian Networks.

At the Synod's Annual General Meeting in April 2024, Pastorin Othmer and Hildegard O'Kane from the Cambridge congregation were voted onto the Synod's Council of Trustees (Synodalrat) of currently only 5 trustees. Fulfilling these roles demands a high level of commitment in time, responsibility and in-depth communication. Their sterling work in this context has been invaluable and exemplary.

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Report of the Trustees

Meetings of the Board of Trustees (Church Council {Kirchenvorstand})

In addition to the 9 online meetings throughout 2024, the Church Council also met in person in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk from 16 to 17 February. This provided cherished time for Christian worship together as well as valuable time to focus on important operational matters. Thanks to the expert guidance of external facilitator Burgunde Materla, we identified and discussed the important topics concerning the future of the Church. We agreed on pathways to take and how to implement these during the following months.

The church AGM took place online on 9 June 2024.

Financial Review

General

The church was able to further improve its financial position in 2024, thanks mainly to very generous contributions, donations and legacies.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the annual church members contributions, collections, general donations, and donations for specific church items and legacies received. In total they contributed a total of £74,597, (2023: £59,072). Gift Aid claimed this year brought an additional £8,598 (2023: £7,555). Total investment income brought a return of £19,776, a similar amount to the previous year (2023: £19,223)

In 2024, the Church received a generous grant of £1,499 from the Evangelische Kirche Deutschland (EKD) to support the costs of the external facilitator for the annual Church Council retreat.

Based on a wide range of church activities , including activities to support confirmations, children's activities, organisation of a joint weekend away for the whole Synod, and hosting visitors as well as interns from Germany, the church applied for a share of the grant the Synod received in 2024 from the Schroders 1905 Trust (formerly Kaiser Wilhelm II Fund). With thanks the church received a total of £6,819.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is available for the Pastor/Pastorin to give financial help in individual cases of any hardship. During 2024 £140 was spent so the balance left as of 31 December 2024 is £155. No new allocation has been made towards this fund.

Despite the currently positive and consolidated financial situation, the Trustees are aware of the longer term financial challenges, relating to likely increases in costs for the Pastor/Pastorin, maintenance of the building and also the risk of loss of current income. In 2024 the Trustees focussed on two particular avenues for the longer term sustainability of the Church. One was the elaboration of detailed options regarding the future of the Church House, the other were interactions with other churches that are part of the Synod, to see how best to join forces in the future.

Report of the Trustees

Restricted Endowment Fund

This fund is part of the Asset Transfer Agreement which became effective on 31 May 2013, when the two former churches, each one a separate charity, merged to become one church and one single charity. The value of the fund is shown in a separate Endowment Fund column, and can be used for the purposes described in the Letters Patent of Charles II, dated 13 September 1672, namely that the Fund's income can be spent in accordance with the Church's general charitable purposes, but the Fund's capital should be invested to generate income, and after careful consideration by the trustees, the capital should only ever be spent on projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the German-Speaking Lutheran Church for purposes which fall within the trusts set out in the Letters Patent.

During 2024 there were no withdrawals from the Restricted Endowment Fund.

Investment policy and objectives

Part of the income of the Charity is derived from its investments. The investment manager's objective is to maximise total return with due regard for risk, with an ethical and responsible investment portfolio and to report regularly via the Treasurer to the Trustees. The trustees remain committed to a long term investment policy aiming to protect the real capital value whilst generating a sustainable level of income to fund current expenditure.

Reserves policy

The trustees are aware of the general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. In 2024 the trustees reviewed and formalised the Reserves Policy of the Church. In particular, having performed a review of current and previous year's funds, and after reviewing the church's current position, the trustees are of the opinion that the church should hold in unrestricted reserves approximately 12 months operating capital, not taking into account optional spending items and major building repairs. On that basis, the trustees agreed that the total unrestricted reserves should be at least £90,000. This total includes designated amounts of £60,000 for its annual Synod Contribution. £2,000 towards the purchase of the next church car and the remaining £28,000 being general unrestricted and not designated reserves.

In addition, the trustees are also of the opinion that Restricted Endowment is more than adequate a reserve for potential major building reserves.

The total Reserves freely available for distribution held at 31 December 2024 were £169,066, consisting of £103,051 in freely available funds and £66,015 in designated funds.This amount more than covers the the required level of reserves. It is also higher than the £134,374 2023 year end figure which consisted of £70,933 as freely available and £63,441 as Resticted for Synod Contribution.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Church is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and is constituted as an unincorporated charity.

This charity is the result of a merger in 2013 of two former charities: The 'German Lutheran Church in Cambridge and East Anglia' (reg Charity No 1135273) and the 'Hamburg Lutheran Church' (Reg Charity No 2511211)

Further detail regarding the history, merger and the subsequent arrangements for their Trust Property and administration of funds can be found in this current Charity's Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The structure, governance and management of this current charity are set out in the Constitution dated 11 November 2009, as amended on 18 May 2013, and as amended on 27 June 2021. The last amendment to the Constitution was approved by the AGM on 12 June 2022 and notified to the Charity Commission.

Since 15 December 2020, the property and land of Church House, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, CB2 8BW is vested in the official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the German speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia.

Governance and management related

- For better transparency, the Church Council has compiled the various aspects of its financial manangement into one new document, the 'Internal Financial Control Policy - Version 1'. The final version was approved in February 2024.

- A 'Procedure/Safeguarding Handbook - Version 1' has been introduced and approved by the Church Council in July 2024. It is designed to provide staff, whether paid or volunteers, and the members of the congregations with clear instructions and guidance on how to implement the Church's Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

The Church has continued to provide both traditional and new forms of church services and other church activities and events for children, young people, families and all ages. Throughout the year there has been shared worship and prayers, Bible meetings, music and spiritual support for people across the region and pastoral care to people in need at times of hardship, anxiety, isolation, illness or bereavement.

The Church Council would like to thank Pastorin Othmer, for her spiritual guidance, imagination and energy, hard work and support in all areas of the practical and spiritual life of the the church.

Report of the Trustees

Her work in the church ministry is very much supported and enhanced by the many volunteers, Church Council members, children's team, lay preachers, newsletter team and many members of the congregations across the region, and all of these people deserve equal thanks for all their time and work given to the Church, to enable people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees from 1 January to 31 December 2024

Mrs B Ewald
Dr B Finger-Berry
Dr B Becker
Mr A C Emerson-Moring
Dr G Goldbeck
Miss M Longstaff
Mrs S K Hathaway
Mrs H O'Kane
Rev K Othmer
Mrs D Rose
Dr P Schütz

The Trustee Report 2024 was written by Kornelia Hathaway, Gerhard Goldbeck and Barbara Botradi.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 June 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Mrs S K Hathaway
Trustee

Dr G Goldbeck
Trustee

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of German-Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

As the church's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Acts 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of your church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 the accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be brought in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Geoff Mann.

Geoff Mann
Geoff Mann Ltd
Dee House
Highworth Avenue
Cambridge

13 June 2025.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Endowment funds	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and Endowments from						
Donations and legacies		83,195	0	0	83,195	66,627
Investments		19,776	0	0	19,776	19,223
Other	2	30,650	0	0	30,650	27,831
Total	1	133,621	0	0	133,621	113,681
Expenditure on						
Church activities		102,869	0	0	102,869	104,779
Total	1	102,869	0	0	102,869	104,779
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,366	2,574	14,540	18,480	11,992
Net Income/(Expenditure)		32,118	2,574	14,540	49,232	20,894
Transfers between funds	1(h)	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		32,118	2,574	14,540	49,232	20,894
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total Funds Brought Forward		70,933	63,441	358,330	492,704	471,810
Total Funds Carried Forward		103,051	66,015	372,870	541,936	492,704

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2024 or 2023 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5		3,342		6,684
Investments			474,907		456,427
Total fixed assets			478,249		463,111
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	8,598		7,55	
Cash at bank		57,244		24,083	
Total Current Assets		65,842		31,638	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,155		2,04	
Net Current Assets			63,687		29,593
Net Assets			541,936		492,704
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Funds	General fund		101,051		58,147
	Designated fund for new vehicle		2,000		2,000
			103,051		70,933
	Designated Funds		66,015		63,441
Total Unrestricted Funds			169,066		134,374
Endowment Funds	Endowed investments		372,870		358,330
Total Charity Funds			541,936		492,704

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 11 June 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Mrs S K Hathaway
Trustee

Dr G Goldbeck
Trustee

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation of the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

(c) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistenet with the use of resources.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Motor vehicles	20% straight line basis

Notes to the accounts

(e) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are stated at market vallue at the balance sheet date giving rise to unrealised gains or losses which are taken into the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains and losses are shown separately in the Stataement of Financial Activities calculated as the difference between proceeds and historic cost. Investment income and its tax related credit are taken into account on a receivable basis.

(f) Debtors

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at their settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

(g) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds are donated with the intention of their being used in perpetuity.

The endowment fund was created with a transfer of assets from the Hamburg Lutheran Church in 2013 and continues to be administered in accordance with its original purpose, which is to generate income from managed investments that is to be spent on continuing the charitable objectives of the church.

The trustees are, as part of furthering charitable objectives, entitled to spend the underlying capital for projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the church for the purpose of their charitable aims.

(i) Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translatred into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Notes to the accounts

2 Other Income

	2024 £	2023 £
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	2,394	3,873
Collections for charities	1,177	2,682
Other income	2,410	2,561
Rental income	18,374	15,711
Weekend retreat	6,395	3,004
	30,750	27,831

3 Staff Costs

The German Church Pastor was paid direct by the Synod of German Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, of which the church's contribution is £60,000 (2023 : £55.000)

4 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees were reimbursed a total of £1.931 (2023 : £830) in respect of expenses incurred in their capacity as trustees. In addition, the German Church Pastor, who is also a trustee, was reimbursed a total of £2,034 (2023:£4,226) incurred in the course of her work as the minister of the church.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

		Motor vehicles £
Cost	At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	16,710
Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.24	10,026
	Charge for the year	3,342
	Balance at 31.12.24	13,368
Net Book Value	At 31.12.24	3,342
	At 01.01.24	6,684

Notes to the accounts

6 Fixed Assets Investments

	2024 Market value £	2023 Market value £
National Savings Income Bonds	1,000	1,000
Shares	473,907	455,427
	474,907	456,427
Market value at beginning of year	455,427	444,372
Net gain/(loss) on disposal/revaluation	18,480	11,992
Disposal proceeds	0	-937
Market value at end of year	473,907	455,427

7 Debtors: due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid tax claim	8,598	7,555
Prepayments	0	0
	8,598	7,555

8 Creditors: due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	1,000	1,500
Pastor's discretionary fund	155	295
Payments in advance	1,000	250
	2,155	2,045

9 Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

Notes to the accounts

10 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	3,342	0	0	3,342
Fixed Asset Investments	35,022	66,015	373,870	474,907
Fixed Assets	38,364	66,015	373,870	478,249
Debtors	8,598	0	0	8,598
Cash at Bank	57,244	0	0	57,244
Creditors Due within one year	-2,155	0	0	-2,155
Net Current Assets	63,687	0	0	63,687
Net Assets	102,051	66,015	373,870	541,936

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	6,684	0	0	6,684
Fixed Asset Investments	34,656	63,441	358,330	456,427
Fixed Assets	41,340	63,441	358,330	463,111
Debtors	7,555	0	0	7,555
Cash at Bank	24,083	0	0	24,083
Creditors Due within one year	-2,045	0	0	-2,045
Net Current Assets	29,593	0	0	29,593
Net Assets	70,933	63,441	358,330	492,704

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities: Income and Endowments

		2024 £	2023 £
Donations and Legacies	Contributions	44,051	31,881
	Donated services and facilities	4,469	3,918
	Donations	14,545	14,273
	Donations for baptisms and funerals	225	1,945
	Gift aid recovered	8,598	7,555
	Grants	8,307	7,055
	Legacies	3,000	0
		83,195	66,627
Investment Income		19,776	19,223
Other Income	Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	2,394	3,873
	Collections for charities	1,177	2,682
	Other income	2,410	2,561
	Rental income	18,274	15,711
	Weekend retreat	6,395	3,004
		30,650	27,831
Total Income and Endowments		133,621	113,681

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities: Expenditure

		2024 £	2023 £
Charitable Activities	Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	636	1,096
	Congregation and services	1,032	1,898
	Donations to charities	1,177	2,682
	Hire of churches and halls	1,548	1,447
	Newsletter	580	638
	Organist fees	1,940	1,880
	Pastoral candidates/lay preachers	0	99
	Synod contribution	60,000	55,000
	Weekend retreat	9,844	7,044
		76,757	71,784
Management	Council tax and insurance	4,221	4,038
	Gardener, cleaner and admin	1,928	2,818
	Heat. Light and water	2,810	3,400
	Motor vehicle refurbishment	3,342	3,342
	Property maintenance and refurbishmer	5,524	10,039
		17,825	23,637
Governance costs	Accountancy and legal fees	2,192	3,073
	Motor and travel	4,099	3,954
	Stationery, postage and telephone	1,996	2,331
		8,287	9,358
Total Expenditure		102,869	104,779

GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST ANGLIA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HAMBURG LUT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135273

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135273

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

for

German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

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German-Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees	Dr B Becker	
	Mrs B Ewald	(from 14 January 2023)
	Mrs B Finger-Berry	(from 24 February 2023)
	Dr G Goldbeck	
	Mrs S Guly	(until 17 June 2023)
	Mrs S K Hathaway	
	Miss M Longstaff	
	Mr A C Emerson-Moring	
	Mrs H O'Kane	
	Rev K Othmer	
	Mrs D Rose	
	Dr P Schutz	
Principal Address	Shaftesbury House 4 Shaftesbury Road Cambridge CB2 8BW	
Charity Registration Number	1135273	
Independent Examiner	Geoff Mann FCIE Geoff Mann Limited Dee House Highworth Avenue Cambridge CB4 2BQ	
Bankers	Bank fur Kirche und Diakonie, Dortmund Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester HSBC Bank, Billericay, Essex Schroder & Co Ltd, London	

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the surplus or deficit of the church for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

(i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
(ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(iii) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue in business.
(iv) Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Objectivities and Activities

Objectives, Organisations and Activities

The objective for which this charity has been established is the advancement of the Christian religion. This is achieved primarily by providing church services, pastoral care and other related activities for German speaking Protestant Christians

The church is a member of the Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, referred to as 'The Synod'.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion; enabling ordinary people to live out their faith through the church's activities.

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Report of the Trustees

Achievements and Performance

Charitable Activities, Achievements and Performance

The trustees (also referred to as 'Church Council' [Kirchenvorstand] are pleased to report that, during the year 2023, in many diverse ways, our church activities have positively engaged with people and enabled them to discover and to grow in faith and experience and share in Christian fellowship.

Our church has undertaken and supported a wide range of church activities. These were, for example, regularly held church services and Bible studies, as well as many pastoral home visits, which are increasingly necessitated by the advancing age and decreasing mobility of several of the church members.

For the most part the above took place in-person in our 5 East Anglian districts: Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and in Essex.

Each of the congregations in the 5 districts highly values belonging to a German-speaking Christian Church community as well as being a base from which to reach out and care for the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of their fellow members, guests and visitors and their local ecumenical contacts.

Apart from meeting in-person, members of the East Anglian congregations (together with guests from further afield) met in weekly online devotional times during Lent and Advent and on other special occasions in the Church year.

Members also enjoyed taking part in several UK-wide online church services that were prepared by the constituent members of the Synod under which the German-speaking Protestant congregations (such as our church) are united in Great Britain.

The above mentioned church services, Bible studies and pastoral visits are only a part of the wide range of activities, thought of, developed and undertaken by our current Pastor, Kerstin Othmer. However, they are frequently carried out and provided in cooperation with dedicated volunteers from church who assist with their skills, talents, spiritual input, insight and local knowledge.

Highlights in the Year 2023

Events for and by all the generations

- The annual congregational residential weekend, held on 23 - 25 June at the Christian Conference Centre, The Pleasance, Overstand next to a beautiful Norfolk beach,was a resounding success with its intergenerational attendees - albeit with a smaller number of attendees than in previous years.

- At the church's Summer Fete (Sommerfest) in July we celebrated 60 years of the church being in the German Church House in Cambridge. It was rounded off with a very enjoyable and highly professional music concert.

- A barbeque at the end of the summer school holidays.

- The popular, intergenerational St Martin's Day Festival in November was again attended by approximately 75 people. It attracts non church and unchurched people from Cambridge and beyond, alongside regular church members and included a puppet show and a lantern procession.

- 24 people travelled to Thetford Forest to gather pine tree branches that were allocated to them by the local forestry officer and then having 53 people, including many children, work this greenery into Advent wreaths the following day - both being wonderful community activities that generate good conversation and fellowship

- An Advent Market (Adventsbasar), while providing members with much loved opportunities to celebrate amd socialise within a German-speaking cultural context, this also attracts guests with no formal links to the church and leads to enhanced intercultural understanding

The church has a spacious rear graden at the Church House in Cambridge. This proves to be immenseley useful and is appreciated by all its users. Furthermore, the garden attracts use by community and neighbourhood groups. For example, a local nursery rents the space for outdoor play on weekday mornings.

In November, the church has been registered with the Eco Church initiative. This is 'A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the Gospel is good news for God's earth'. Many aspects of our church life were assessed against the Eco Church catalogue of green credentials. Areas have been identified for future development.

Children's and young people's church work

- During school term time, a dedicated team of volunteers have led Children's Church (Kindergottesdienst) in Cambridge. Children's Church normally runs parallel with a joint start with the regular church services, unless there is already another children's event going to take place in church that day eg St Martin's Day Celebration. The team meets every 2-3 months, for training, support and planning and alongside have also developed into a network providing personal support for each other.

- A confirmation group of 4 young people completed their year long preparation course leading to their Confirmation on 16 July at an extremely well attended service, which took place in the sunny garden of the Cambridge Church House. Integrated into the confirmation group are young differently abled people or with challenges.

- In September a new group of 3 young people from East Anglia started preparation classes for Confirmation. It includes very creative teaching and fun time. On occasions, this is spent jointly with the young people who are also preparing for Confirmation and are based in the congregations of London East. The combined classes are expertly and jointly led by Pastorin Silke Halfmann (London East) and Pastorin Kerstin Othmer (East Anglia).

Internships and visitors

- The Church Council and the congregation are very grateful to two young women, Johanna Loheide (September 2022 to March 2023) and Charlotte Fischer (September to December 2023), who have undertaken internships in the work of our church. They contributed and enriched the life of the church in many ways, worked very competently and were great in building mutual connections to the young people in the church.

- We also welcomed Martha Kloss, and Friederike Hallet, both students of Theology each visiting the church for a month. They were inspiring and brought fresh perspectives to the church life.

Pastorin Kerstin Othmer provided extensive and valuable practical and theological guidance and professional development for these four young women.

During the year our church had visits of individuals, but also of groups. Both are an invaluable resource to connect, explore and learn with others about the Christian faith, and gain a mutual understanding.

- A 3 day visit of members of the leadership team of the German Protestant parish Boxhagen/Strahlau in Berlin Friedrichshain, in March

- A 3 day visit of the Concert and Church Choir Dortmund Aplerbeck

- A group of teachers who work for the Institute for Pedagogical-Theological Education in Hamburg visited in September

- In conjunction with Westcott House (Anglican Church Theological College in Cambridge), a group of trainees at the Protestant Church Preachers Seminary in Wittenberg with their teacher, Pfarrer Oliver Fischer, visited in October.

Activities across Great Britain

Through her untiring commitment to theological education for children and young people and training for lay readers, Pastorin Kerstin Othmer contributes and/or leads on a number of national and international activities and follows these up with their attendees.

- Commissioned by the Synod, Pastorin Othmer held face to face and online education/training weekend courses: a) for lay readers (Pradikanten/innen) from across Great Britain, and b) for people engaged in conducting Children's Church in their respective congregations.

- Hands on collaboration on theological projects with her fellow pastors from the Synod.
- Ecumenically active by participating in and supporting local Christian Networks.

Communication

Throughout 2023, members and friends of our church have received four Church Newsletters (Gemeindebrief) either digitally or by post, depending on their preference

Other ways of disseminating information and news about and from the church (spiritual and practical news, regular and special activities/events and about its people) takes place via the church's website, via monthly digital letters sent out by Pastorin Othmer and to a lesser extent via social media.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees (Church Council {Kirchenvorstand})

During the year 2023 the Church Council met 10 times. This frequency helps the trustees to ensure that church management can be planned and maintained effectively.

Apart from a weekend meeting held in person at the Church House in Cambridge in February 2023, the Church Council has continued to hold its meetings online. This saves considerable time for travel for many of the attendees. Furthermore, it helps the trustees in their aim to reduce the church's carbon footprint.

The church AGM took place online on 18 June 2023. At the AGM a new Church Council was elected for a 3 year period.

The church has continued to provide both traditional and new forms of church services, including exciting events for children, families and all ages. With shared worship and prayers, bible meetings, music and spiritual support for people across the region and giving pastoral care to people in need at times of hardship, anxiety, isolation, illness or bereavement.

The Church Council would like to thank Pastorin Othmer for all that was achieved in 2023, for her spiritual guidance, imagination and energy, hard work and in making sure that new solutions could be used as well as traditional ones in all areas of the practical and spiritual life of the church, its members, and German-speaking people in East Anglia.

Her work in the church ministry was supported and enhanced by many volunteers, Church Council members, children's team, lay preachers, newsletter team and many members of the congregations across the region, and all of these people deserve equal thanks for all their time and hard work given to the church, to enable people to live out their faith through the church's activities.

Barbara Botradi-Bullman, treasurer of our church from 2005 to 2023, deserves a particular mention here. Her quiet, competent and thorough day to day management of the complex church finances has been immeasurably valuable and will be a difficult act to follow. Since October there is a transition of her many tasks to a finance team of 3 members.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Report of the Trustees

Financial Review

General

The trustees acknowledge with grateful thanks the tremendous commitment of church members, from whom the annual contributions, collections, general donations and donations for specific church items, reached a total of £50,072, (2022:£38,131). Gift Aid claimed this year brought an additional £7,555 (2022:£6,638). Total investment income brought a return of £19,223 being slighly more than the previous year (2022:£19,072)

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund which has been available for the Pastor/Pastorin to give financial help in individual cases of any hardship. During 2023 it was not used and therefore £295 was still available at the year end. During 2024 the trustees will decide whether any new allocation could be made towards this fund.

Early in 2023 the church received a generous grant of £1,673 from the Evangelische Kirche Deutschland (EKD) to support the costs of a special two day Church Council meeting in February 2023, with an external facilitator, to consider all options of future church planning Zukunftsperspektiven'

The church also received a grant of £250 from the Synod towards the costs of this special future planning meeting of the Church Council in February 2023.

With thanks the church also received two further grants from the Synod during 2023 arising from the Kaiser Wilhelm II (KWII) Fund. The first was £2,200 to support general activities including church services and the second was £2,540 to help with the costs of 11 specific church activities. This included the 3 traditional activities of the congregational weekendheld at Overstrand in 2023, activites of the Confirmation group and the St Martin's Day events in November 2023. As mentioned, 8 new activities were supported, which was a welcome and refreshing development.

Based on the accounts deficit in 2022, the church applied to the Synod for a reduction in the Synod Contribution amount for 2023, which was granted towards the end of the year by reducing the amount from the original figure of £58,000 to £55,000.

The special 2 day meeting held in February had highlighted the fact that in total over the last two years the church had withdrawn £20,000 from reserves (both general and restrcted endowment) and without any new plans for income generation this negative trend would continue and indeed the budget for 2023, based on the year before, predicted a large deficit for the year end.

Potential options for the future sustainability of the church were discussed and detailed in subsequent work by Church Council members. Two important actions were planned in February, this being firstly to talk with church members at all services and events, including small groups at the AGM about the options facing the church if income could not be increased, and secondly by means of a personal letter sent out in early December on behalf of the Church Council appealing for funds, and for church membership contributions. The response to both of these actions has been astounding, and very much appreciated.

Restricted Endowment Fund

This fund is part of the Asset Transfer Agreement which became effective on 31 May 2013, when the two former churches, each one a separate charity, merged to become one church and one single charity. The value of the fund is shown in a separate Endowment Fund column, and can be used for the purposes described in the Letters Patent of Charles II, dated 13 September 1672, namely that the Fund's income can be spent in accordance with the church's general charitable purposes, but the Fund's capital should be invested to generate income, and after careful consideration by the trustees, the capital should only ever be spent on projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the German-Speaking Lutheran Church for purposes which fall within the trusts set out in the Letters Patent.

During 2023 there were no withdrawals from the Restricted Endowment Fund.

Reserves policy

The trustees are aware of the general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. Those reserves that are not part of the Restricted Endowment Fund are shown on page 11 as Unrestricted Funds (General Fund and Designated Fund for new vehicle) and Restricted Funds (Synod Contribution to Pastor's Salary Reserve Fund).

The amount in the designated fund for a new vehicle is decided by annual review of the trustees as part of the Unrestricted Funds. At the year end, the trustees decided that the vehicle fund should have no addition this year, and therefore remain at £2,000 at 31 December 2023.

The amount in the Restricted Fund is not decided by the trustees, but has been stipulated by the Synod to be a minimum of £60,000 as a reserve for the purpose of contribution to the Synod for the Pastor's salary. The investment growth for this amount is added to the fund.

The total Unrestricted Funds available on 31 December 2023 was £70.933 which is sufficient to cover 8 months of expenditure. This is higher than at the year end 2022 (£60,147) due to the very welcome increase in funds from donations and church members' contributions during 2023.

Investment policy and objectives

Part of the income of the charity is derived from its investments. The investment manager's objective is to maximise total return with due regard for risk, with an ethical and responsible investment portfolio and to report regularly via the Treasurer to the trustees. The trustees remain committed to a long term investment policy aiming to protect the real capital value whilst generating a sustainable level of income to fund current expenditure.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The church is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and is constituted as an unincorporated charity.

Since 1 June 2013, two churches have merged to become one, as one single charity, with a new name. This section summarises where the details can be found as they have applied to each of the two individual churches until 31 May 2013, and describes the structure as it is for the new merged charity.

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German Lutheran Church in Cambridge and East Anglia (Reg Charity No 1135273)
The structure, governance and management were set out in the constitution dated 11 November 2009, which replaced the previous constitution of 15 March 1964. The church was founded on 2 December 1956, and the pastoral office was established on 1 May 1959.

Trust Property and Funds administered in connection with the German Lutheran Church (known as the Hamburg Lutheran Church) at Dalston
(Reg Charity No 251121 prior to amalgamation on 31 May 2013)
The legal basis of the church, which was founded in 1669, is the Charter granted by King Charles II on 13 September 1672. The congregation has been mainly German-speaking Protestant Christians living in the county of Essex. The church building was formerly located in Ritson Road, Dalston, London E8 but was sold in November 1982, and thereafter services were held in various churches throughout Essex. Further details concerning the charity up to 31 May 2013 can be requested at any time from the new merged charity.

German-Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (formerly German Lutheran Church in Cambridge & East Anglia and Hamburg Lutheran Church) (Reg Charity No 1135273)
The structure, governance and management are set out in the constitution dated 11 November 2009, as amended on 18 May 2013, and as amended on 27 June 2021. The last amendment to the constitution was approved by the AGM on 12 June 2022 and notified to the Charity Commission.

For better transparency, the Church Council has compiled the various aspects of its financial managament into one new document, the Internal Financial Control Policy. The final version is to be approved in February 2024.

Since 15 December 2020, the property and land of Church House, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, CB2 8BW has been vested in the Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the German-Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5 June 2024 and signed on their behalf.

Mrs H O'Kane
Trustee

Dr G Goldbeck
Trustee

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of German-Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

As the church's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Acts 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of your church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 the accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be brought in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Geoff Mann FCIE
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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and Endowments from						
Donations and legacies		66,627	0	0	66,627	47,714
Investments		19,223	0	0	19,223	19,072
Other	2	27,831	0	0	27,831	24,089
Total	1	113,681	0	0	113,681	90,875
Expenditure on						
Church activities		104,779	0	0	104,779	108,284
Total	1	104,779	0	0	104,779	108,284
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,884	1,470	8,638	11,992	-51,479
Net Income/(Expenditure)		10,786	1,470	8,638	20,894	-68,888
Transfers between funds	1(h)	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		10,786	1,470	8,638	20,894	-68,888
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total Funds Brought Forward		60,147	61,971	349,692	471,810	540,698
Total Funds Carried Forward		70,933	63,441	358,330	492,704	471,810

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2023 or 2022 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5		6,684		10,026
Investments			456,427		445,372
Total fixed assets			463,111		455,398
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	7,555		6,889	
Cash at bank		24,083		12,618	
Total Current Assets		31,638		19,507	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,045		3,095	
Net Current Assets			29,593		16,412
Net Assets			492,704		471,810
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Funds	General fund		68,933		58,147
	Designated fund for new vehicle		2,000		2,000
			70,933		60,147
Restricted Funds	Pastor's salary reserve fund		63,441		61,971
Endowment Funds	Endowed investments		358,330		349,692
Total Charity Funds			492,704		471,810

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5. June 2024 and signed on their behalf.

Mrs H O'Kane
Trustee

Dr G Goldbeck
Trustee

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation of the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

(c) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistenet with the use of resources.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Motor vehicles	20% straight line basis

Notes to the accounts

(e) **Fixed Asset Investments**

Investments are stated at market vallue at the balance sheet date giving rise to unrealised gains or losses which are taken into the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains and losses are shown separately in the Stataement of Financial Activities calculated as the difference between proceeds and historic cost. Investment income and its tax related credit are taken into account on a receivable basis.

(f) **Debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at their settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

(g) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds are donated with the intention of their being used in perpetuity.

The endowment fund was created with a transfer of assets from the Hamburg Lutheran Church in 2013 and continues to be administered in accordance with its original purpose, which is to generate income from managed investments that is to be spent on continuing the charitable objectives of the church.

The trustees are, as part of furthering charitable objectives, entitled to spend the underlying capital for projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the church for the purpose of their charitable aims.

(i) **Foreign Currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translatred into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchaange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Notes to the accounts

2 Other Income

	2023 £	2022 £
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	3,873	2,957
Collections for charities	2,682	3,113
Other income	2,561	2,051
Rental income	15,711	13,466
Weekend retreat	3,004	2,502
	27,831	24,089

3 Staff Costs

The German Church Pastor was paid direct by the Synod of German Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, of which the church's contribution is £55,000 (2022 : £57,500)

4 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees were reimbursed a total of £830 (2022 : £278) in respect of expenses incurred in their capacity as trustees. In addition, the German Church Pastor, who is also a trustee, was reimbursed a total of £4,226 incurred in the course of her work as the minister of the church.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

		Motor vehicles £
Cost	At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	16,710
Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.23	6,684
	Charge for the year	3,342
	Balance at 31.12.23	10,026
Net Book Value	At 31.12.23	6,684
	At 01.01.23	10,026

Notes to the accounts

6 Fixed Assets Investments

	2023 Market value £	2022 Market value £
National Savings Income Bonds	1,000	1,000
Shares	455,427	444,372
	456,427	445,372
Market value at beginning of year	444,372	505,851
Net gain/(loss) on disposal/revaluation	11,992	-51,479
Disposal proceeds	-937	-10,000
Market value at end of year	455,427	444,372

7 Debtors: due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid tax claim	7,555	6,639
Prepayments	0	250
	7,555	6,889

8 Creditors: due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	1,500	2,800
Pastor's discretionary fund	295	295
Payments in advance	250	0
	2,045	3,095

9 Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

Notes to the accounts

10 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	6,684	0	0	6,684
Fixed Asset Investments	34,656	63,441	358,330	456,427
Fixed Assets	41,340	63,441	358,330	463,111
Debtors	7,555	0	0	7,555
Cash at Bank	24,083	0	0	24,083
Creditors Due within one year	-2,045	0	0	-2,045
Net Current Assets	29,593	0	0	29,593
Net Assets	70,933	63,441	358,330	492,704

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	10,026	0	0	10,026
Fixed Asset Investments	33,709	61,971	349,692	445,372
Fixed Assets	43,735	61,971	349,692	455,398
Debtors	6,889	0	0	6,889
Cash at Bank	12,618	0	0	12,618
Creditors Due within one year	-3,095	0	0	-3,095
Net Current Assets	16,412	0	0	16,412
Net Assets	60,147	61,971	349,692	471,810

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities: Income and Endowments

		2023 £	2022 £
Donations and Legacies	Contributions	31,881	26,599
	Donated services and facilities	3,918	2,831
	Donations	14,273	8,074
	Donations for baptisms and funerals	1,945	625
	Gift aid recovered	7,555	6,638
	Grants	7,055	2,947
		66,627	47,714
Investment Income		19,223	19,072
Other Income	Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	3,873	2,957
	Collections for charities	2,682	3,113
	Other income	2,561	2,051
	Rental income	15,711	13,466
	Weekend retreat	3,004	2,502
		27,831	24,089
Total Income and Endowments		113,681	90,875

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities: Expenditure

		2023 £	2022 £
Charitable Activities	Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	1,096	957
	Congregation and services	1,898	1,424
	Donations to charities	2,682	3,113
	Hire of churches and halls	1,447	1,647
	Newsletter	638	611
	Organist fees	1,880	1,842
	Pastoral candidates/lay preachers	99	378
	Synod contribution	55,000	57,500
	Weekend retreat	7,044	6,457
		71,784	73,929
Management	Council tax and insurance	4,038	3,854
	Gardener, cleaner and admin	2,818	2,701
	Heat. Light and water	3,400	3,395
	Motor vehicle refurbishment	3,342	3,342
	Property maintenance and refurbishme	10,039	10,372
		23,637	23,664
Governance costs	Accountancy and legal fees	3,073	4,069
	Motor and travel	3,954	4,924
	Stationery and postage	1,615	1,102
	Telephone	716	596
		9,358	10,691
Total Expenditure		104,779	108,284

GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST ANGLIA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HAMBURG LUT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135273

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135273

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

for

German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

George Hay Partnership LLP
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German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

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German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives, Organisations & Activities

The objective for which this charity has been established is the advancement of the Christian religion. This is achieved primarily by providing church services, pastoral care and other related activities for German-speaking Protestant Christians.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion; enabling ordinary people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

After almost two years of considerable government-imposed restrictions on holding face-to-face meetings (owing to Covid-19 measures), 2022 saw the full re-establishment of regular in-person church services, bible studies, pastoral visits, and many other activities. (See below listed "highlights" for more detail on this.)

Face-to-face church activities take place in 5 geographical areas of East Anglia: Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and in Essex. Each of these 5 congregations are firmly based in the Christian faith. A sense of belonging to a German-speaking church community as well as being a base from which to reach out to others is an integral, highly valued aspect of our Church. Furthermore, within each geographical congregation it is apparent that their members show consideration and care for the wellbeing of their fellow members, guests, and visitors.

Attendance at the face-to-face meetings is back to pre-Covid numbers, apart from the congregation in Essex. Here, because of the advancing age and decreasing mobility of its members, a growing number are no longer able to travel to the events and are receiving pastoral visits in their homes instead.

Alongside the activities within the above geographical areas, it has been of great benefit to also utilise (although less frequently than during Covid times) online resources to reach, engage and unite the membership across East Anglia, for example, a weekly online devotional time was held during Lent and Advent.

As well as our regularly held church services, bible studies and home visits the Trustees (also referred to as "Church Council" (KIrchenvorstand)) are pleased to report that on many different levels it has been a considerably active year for our Church in East Anglia.

Special highlights of the year

- The annual congregational residential weekend was held at the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Norfolk in June 2022.
- A confirmation group of 4 young people completed their year-long preparation course, leading to their Confirmation on 17 July. This event was celebrated with many people.
- A new group of 4 young people preparing for Confirmation started in September.
- During school term time, a dedicated team of volunteers have led Children's Church (Kindergottesdienst) in Cambridge. Children's Church runs concurrently to the regular church services, unless there is already another children's event going to take place in church that day, e.g., St Martin's Day Celebration. The team meets online, every 2-3 months, for training, support and planning.

- The popular, intergenerational St Martin's Day Festival in November was attended by approximately 75 people. It attracts non -and unchurched people alongside regular church members from Cambridge and beyond and included a puppet show and a lantern procession.
- The Church's Summer Fete (Sommerfest), Barbeque and Advent Market (Adventsbazar), while providing members with much loved opportunities to celebrate and socialise within a German-speaking cultural context, these events also attract guests with no formal links to the Church and leads to enhanced intercultural understanding. The spacious rear garden at the Church House in Cambridge proves to be immensely useful and appreciated by all.
- Throughout the year, various community and neighbourhood groups used the facilities of the Church House and garden. These also help to generate some rental income which is included in Investment income on the statement of financial activities.
To name a few: the weekly use by a German-speaking pre-school playgroup, a Greek-speaking Saturday school for the first half of the year, a neighbourhood garden party celebrating the Queen's 70th Jubilee.
- The Church Council and the congregations are very grateful to two young women who have undertaken internships in the work of our Church: Alex Sprungk for 5 months until April 2022 and Johanna Loheide for 5 months from Sept 2022. Pastorin Kerstin Othmer provided extensive and valuable practical and theological guidance and professional development for them.
- Late November 2022 saw a bountiful number of helpers in the shared activity of crafting Advent wreaths (for sale at the Advent Market). Collecting the pine branches for these wreaths in Thetford Forrest (with permission from the forestry commission) is an outing that is greatly enjoyed by children, young people and adults alike.
- Pastorin Othmer took steps so that 4 Ukrainian refugees could temporarily live in the Church House, before they decided to return to their home 6 weeks later.
- Commissioned by the Synod of German-speaking Congregations in Great Britain, Pastorin Othmer held one online and one face-to-face education/training weekend courses for lay readers (Prädikanten/innen) from across Great Britain. Equally, she held two courses for people interested in conducting children's church.

Throughout 2022, members and friends of our Church have received four Church Newsletters (Gemeindebrief) either digitally or by post, depending on their preference.

Other ways of communicating information and news about and from the Church (spiritual and practical news, regular and special activities/events and about its people) takes place via the Church's website, via monthly digital letters sent out by Pastorin Othmer and to a lesser extent via social media.

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia is a member of the Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain which, as always has been an important source of help and guidance. The Synod also organised Zoom church services - accessible to all its members - during 2022, which included contributions from all the six German churches in Great Britain, including our own church. This helped to increase the connectedness of all the German Church congregations in Great Britain.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees (Church Council [Kirchenvorstand])

The Church Council met approximately monthly, thus ensuring that church management could be planned and maintained effectively.

Apart from an in-person, residential weekend meeting held at the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Norfolk in January 2022, the Church Council had taken the decision to continue to hold its meetings online during 2022. This saves considerable time for travel for many of the attendees. Furthermore, it helps the Trustees in their aim to reduce the Church's carbon footprint.

The Church AGM took place on 12 June 2022 using digital solutions.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia has continued to provide both traditional and new forms of church services, including exciting events for children, families, and all ages. With shared worship and prayers, bible meetings, music, and spiritual support for people across the region and giving pastoral care to people in need at times of hardship, anxiety, isolation, illness, or bereavement.

The Church Council would like to thank Pastorin Othmer for all that was achieved in 2022, for her spiritual guidance, imagination and energy, hard work and sensitivity in making sure that new solutions could be used as well as traditional ones in all areas of the practical and spiritual life of the church, its members, and German-speaking people in East Anglia. Her work in the church ministry was supported and enhanced by many volunteers, Church Council members, children's team, lay preachers, newsletter team and many members of the congregations across the region, and all of these people deserve equal thanks for all their time and hard work given to the Church, to enable people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General

The Trustees acknowledge with thanks the huge commitment of Church members, from whom the annual contributions, collections and donations for the Church, as well as for church specific items, reached a total of £38,131 (2021: £37,364) and Gift Aid claimed this year brought an additional £6,638 (2021: £6,026).Total investment income brought a return of £19,072, being more than the previous year (2021: £18,238).

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund which has been available for the Pastor/Pastorin to give financial help in individual cases of any hardship, was partly used during 2022 as Pastorin Othmer gave out help of £55 and therefore £295 was still available at the year end. During 2023, the Trustees will decide whether any new allocation can be made towards this fund.

During 2022, the Church received a grant of £495 from the Synod, which was specifically for 50% of the electrical safety work required in the vicar's flat.

The Church received two further grants from the Synod during 2022 arising from the Kaiser Wilhelm II (KWII) Fund. The first was £1,200 to support general activities including church services and the second was £1,252 to support the annual congregational weekend held at Belsey Bridge in 2022 as well as for the Confirmation group and for the wider network of St. Martin's Day events in November 2022.

Restricted Endowment Fund

This fund is part of the Asset Transfer Agreement which became effective on 31 May 2013, when the two former churches, each one a separate charity, merged to become one church and one single charity. The value of the fund is shown in a separate Endowment Fund column, and can be used for the purposes described in the Letters Patent of Charles II, dated 13 September 1672, namely that the Fund's income can be spent in accordance with the Church's general charitable purposes, but the Fund's capital should be invested to generate income, and after careful consideration by the Trustees, the capital should only ever be spent on projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the German-speaking Lutheran Church for purposes which fall within the trusts set out in the Letters Patent.

From 2016 to 2018, the Restricted Endowment Fund had been reduced by net disposals of £156,418 to meet part of the costs of the Disabled access building work that took place in these years, a decision which the Trustees were able to take in accordance with the purposes allowed by the terms of the Restricted Endowment. During 2020, it had been reduced by £50,000 to pay for the essential basement damp-proofing work that was completed that year. In March 2021, £553 that was not used for the 2020 Basement work was returned to the Restricted Endowment Fund. The decision of the Trustees took account of the fact that this reduction in capital funds would reduce the annual income from dividends, but that efforts would continue to be made to increase the church income from other sources, including letting out the premises to community groups.

The Trustees decided that a withdrawal from the Restricted Endowment Fund was needed to pay for ten items of repair and maintenance work in the building that were incurred during 2022. These included the painting and repair of outside windows, plumbing, essential electric work and the repair of the front entrance portico. The cost of these property improvement resulted in a disposal of £6,983 from the Fund.

Investment policy and objectives
Part of the income of the Charity is derived from its investments. The investment manager's objective is to maximise total return with due regard for risk, with an ethical and responsible investment portfolio and to report regularly via the Treasurer to the Trustees. The Trustees remain committed to a long-term investment policy aiming to protect the real capital value whilst generating a sustainable level of income to fund current expenditure.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy
The total Reserves freely available for distribution held as at 31 December 2022 was £58,147 which is just sufficient to cover 6 months of expenditure.

The main reason that it is lower than at the year-end 2021 (£72,621) is because of fluctuation in the value of investments, which was particularly low in December 2022, and which has since recovered to some extent.

The Trustees are aware of the general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. Those Reserves that are not part of the Restricted Endowment Fund are designated for three main purposes (a) for Synod Contribution towards Pastor's Salary, (b) any specific building project and (c) for the purchase of the next motor vehicle. The first two are explicitly restricted and the figures are shown as Restricted Funds in the Accounts, whilst the third one is designated by annual review of the Trustees, as part of the General Reserves. At the year end, the Trustees' annual review resulted in the following change: that the designated fund for the purchase of the next church car should have no addition this year, and therefore remain at £2,000 at 31 December 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Since 1 June 2013, two churches have merged to become one, as one single charity, with a new name. This section summarises where the details can be found as they have applied to each of the two individual churches until 31 May 2013, and describes the structure as it is for the new merged charity.

(1) German Lutheran Church in Cambridge and East Anglia: (Reg. Charity No. 1135273)
The structure, governance and management are set out in the Constitution dated 11 November 2009, which has replaced the previous Constitution of 15 March 1964.
The Church was founded on 2 December 1956, and the pastoral office was established on 1 May 1959.

(2) "Trust Property and Funds administered in connection with the German Lutheran church (known as the Hamburg Lutheran Church) at Dalston"
(Reg. Charity No. 251121, prior to amalgamation on 31 May 2013).
The legal basis of the Church, which was founded in 1669, is the Charter granted by King Charles II on 13 September 1672. The congregation is called "Hamburg Lutheran Church" and its membership consists of predominantly German-speaking Protestant Christians living in the county of Essex. The principle object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Religion. The church building was formerly located in Ritson Road, Dalston, London E8 but was sold in November 1982, and since that time services have been held in various churches throughout Essex.
For details of the Administration of the Church up to 31 May 2013, please refer to the last Trustees Annual Report and Accounts of year up to 5 January 2013. A copy of this can be requested at any time from the new merged charity.

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(3) German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (formerly German Lutheran Church in Cambridge & East Anglia and Hamburg Lutheran Church): (Reg. Charity No. 1135273). The structure, governance and management are set out in the constitution dated 11 November 2009, as amended on 18 May 2013, and as amended on 27 June 2021.
In 2021 the Trustees undertook a thorough review of the Charity's Governing document. Various sections have been amended for clarity and to illustrate the Church's compliance with guidance of the Charity Commission (England & Wales). Furthermore, the Governing document is now available in German and English. Both versions were approved at the AGM on 27 June 2021, and the amendments were notified to the Charity Commission effective from that date.
Throughout the year, the trustees reviewed relevant policies and brought them up-to-date, such as the Health & Safety Policy and Data Privacy Policy.
In 2021 the Trustees also adopted a formal approach to raising awareness of "Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults" in the context of the Church's mission and activities. This saw the introduction of a new Safeguarding Policy, formal Safeguarding training and the appointment of Safeguarding Officers and a Safeguarding Administrator. There have been no safeguarding incidents.
The Trustees named in this report are the serving Trustees, and meet as members of the church council four times per year. Election of Trustees are held every 3 years.
Since 15 December 2020, the property and land of Church House, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8BW is vested in the Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia.

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia is a member of the Synod of German -Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, which is a registered charity No. 266600 and acts as a resource body for all the regional German-speaking churches giving support and guidance in governance as well as organising the appointment and employment of Pastors sent from Germany.

In 2022 the Trustees undertook a review of the Charity's Governing document which exists in English and in German. Several sections had been amended for further clarity and to illustrate the Church's compliance with guidance of the Charity Commission (England & Wales) about financial arrangements. Both language versions were approved at the AGM.

The Church's membership application form was revised and brought up to date in February 2022.
Since 15 December 2020, the property and land of Church House, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8BW is vested in the Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1135273

Principal address
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Trustees
Dr G Goldbeck
Miss M Longstaff
Mrs H O'Kane
Mrs H Waddoups (resigned 31.12.22)
Mrs S K Hathaway
Dr B Becker
Mrs G Corfe (resigned 31.12.22)
Mrs D Rose
Mrs S Guly
Mr A C Moering
Dr P Schuetz
Rev K Othmer
Dr A J Borchert (resigned 31.5.22)

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Bankers
Barclays Bank Plc, Leicester
HSBC Bank, Billericay, Essex
Bank fur Kirche und Diakonie, Dortmund
Schroder & Co Ltd, London

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs H O'Kane
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs T M Hunter FCCA ACA DChA

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Date: 16th June 2023

German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies		47,714	-	-	47,714	46,515
Investment income	2	19,072	-	-	19,072	18,238
Other income	3	24,089	-	-	24,089	20,877
Total		90,875	-	-	90,875	85,630
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities						
Church activities		108,284	-	-	108,284	99,919
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(4,048)	(7,021)	(40,410)	(51,479)	46,716
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(21,457)	(7,021)	(40,410)	(68,888)	32,427
Transfers between funds	10	6,983	-	(6,983)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(14,474)	(7,021)	(47,393)	(68,888)	32,427
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		74,621	68,992	397,085	540,698	508,271
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		60,147	61,971	349,692	471,810	540,698

The notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	6	10,026	-	-	10,026	13,368
Investments	7	33,709	61,971	349,692	445,372	506,851
		43,735	61,971	349,692	455,398	520,219
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	6,889	-	-	6,889	7,769
Cash at bank		12,618	-	-	12,618	15,860
		19,507	-	-	19,507	23,629
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,095)	-	-	(3,095)	(3,150)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		16,412	-	-	16,412	20,479
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		60,147	61,971	349,692	471,810	540,698
NET ASSETS		60,147	61,971	349,692	471,810	540,698

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 December 2022

FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		58,147	72,621
Budget for new vehicle		2,000	2,000
		60,147	74,621
Restricted funds:			
Pastor's salary reserve fund		61,971	68,992
Endowment funds:			
Endowed Investments		349,692	397,085
TOTAL FUNDS		471,810	540,698

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24th May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs H O'Kane
Trustee

Dr G Goldbeck
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date giving rise to unrealised gains which are taken into the Statement of financial activities. Realised gains are shown separately in the Statement of financial activities calculated as the difference between proceeds and historic cost. Investment income and its tax related credit are taken into account on a receivable basis.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investment income	19,072	18,238

3. OTHER INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	2,957	1,848
Other income	2,051	1,673
Weekend retreat	2,502	4,819
Rental Income	13,466	8,966
Collections for Charities	3,113	3,571
	24,089	20,877

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees were reimbursed a total of £278 (2021: £604) in relation to expenses incurred in their capacity as trustees. In addition, the German Church Pastor, who is also a Trustee, was reimbursed a total of £6,007 incurred in the course of her work as minister of the church.

5. STAFF COSTS

Pastor: Paid direct by the Synod of German-speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, of which the Church's contribution is £57,500 (2021: £52,000).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles
	£
COST	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	16,710
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2022	3,342
Charge for year	3,342
At 31 December 2022	6,684
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	10,026
At 31 December 2021	13,368

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7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Shares	444,372	505,851
Other	1,000	1,000
	445,372	506,851

Additional information as follows:

	Listed investments
	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2022	505,851
Disposals	(10,000)
Revaluations	(51,479)
At 31 December 2022	444,372
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	444,372
At 31 December 2021	505,851

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
National savings & income bond	1,000	1,000

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid tax claim	6,639	6,026
Prepayments	250	1,743
	6,889	7,769

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	295	350
Other creditors	2,800	2,800
	3,095	3,150

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	72,621	(21,457)	6,983	58,147
Budget for new vehicle	2,000	-	-	2,000
	74,621	(21,457)	6,983	60,147
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	68,992	(7,021)	-	61,971
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	397,085	(40,410)	(6,983)	349,692
TOTAL FUNDS	540,698	(68,888)	-	471,810

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	90,875	(108,284)	(4,048)	(21,457)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	(7,021)	(7,021)
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	(40,410)	(40,410)
TOTAL FUNDS	90,875	(108,284)	(51,479)	(68,888)

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	80,204	(10,452)	2,869	72,621
Property maintenance	553	-	(553)	-
Budget for new vehicle	-	-	2,000	2,000
	80,757	(10,452)	4,316	74,621
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	62,670	6,322	-	68,992
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	364,844	36,557	(4,316)	397,085
TOTAL FUNDS	508,271	32,427	-	540,698

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	85,629	(99,919)	3,838	(10,452)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	6,322	6,322
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	1	-	36,556	36,557
TOTAL FUNDS	85,630	(99,919)	46,716	32,427

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	80,204	(31,909)	9,852	58,147
Property maintenance	553	-	(553)	-
Budget for new vehicle	-	-	2,000	2,000
	80,757	(31,909)	11,299	60,147
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	62,670	(699)	-	61,971
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	364,844	(3,853)	(11,299)	349,692
TOTAL FUNDS	508,271	(36,461)	-	471,810

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	176,504	(208,203)	(210)	(31,909)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	(699)	(699)
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	1	-	(3,854)	(3,853)
TOTAL FUNDS	176,505	(208,203)	(4,763)	(36,461)

Transfers between funds

The endowed fund was created with a transfer of assets from Hamburg Lutheran Church in 2013 and continues to be administered in accordance with its original purpose, which is to generate income from managed investments that is to be spent on continuing the charitable objectives of the Church.

The Trustees are, as part of furthering charitable objectives, entitled to spend the underlying capital for projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the Church for the purpose of their charitable aims.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Contributions	26,599	24,738
Donations	8,074	10,792
Gift aid recovered	6,638	6,026
Grants	2,947	3,124
Donations for Baptisms & Funer	625	633
Donated services & facilities	2,831	1,202
	47,714	46,515
Investment income		
Investment income	19,072	18,238
Other income		
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	2,957	1,848
Other income	2,051	1,673
Weekend retreat	2,502	4,819
Rental Income	13,466	8,966
Collections for Charities	3,113	3,571
	24,089	20,877
Total incoming resources	90,875	85,630
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Pastoral candidates / Lay preachers	378	174
Hire of churches & halls	1,647	610
Congregation & services	1,424	1,909
Social work	-	173
Newsletter	611	887
Donations to charities	3,113	3,571
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	957	156
Weekend retreat	6,457	5,230
Organist fees	1,842	944
Synod contribution	57,500	52,000
	73,929	65,654
Support costs		
Management		
Council tax	2,452	2,168
Insurance	1,402	1,335
Heat, light & water	3,395	2,034
Gardener, cleaner & admin	2,701	2,184
Property maintenance & refurbishment	10,372	13,090
Carried forward	20,322	20,811

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Management		
Brought forward	20,322	20,811
Motor vehicles depreciation	3,342	3,342
	23,664	24,153
Governance costs		
Telephone	596	656
Stationery and postage	1,102	1,560
Accountancy and legal fees	4,069	4,526
Motor and travel	4,924	3,370
	10,691	10,112
Total resources expended	108,284	99,919
Net expenditure	(17,409)	(14,289)

GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST ANGLIA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HAMBURG LUT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135273

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135273

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

for

German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia

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German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives, Organisations & Activities

The objective for which the Church is established is the advancement of the Christian Religion. This is achieved by providing church services and pastoral care for German-speaking Protestant Christians in all of East Anglia, including Essex.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion; enabling ordinary people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year marked the first complete year with our new Pastorin Kerstin Othmer, after she began her post here in the autumn of 2020. This report also shows our response to the second year of Covid-19 limitations, which although not as severe as the previous year, continued to have an impact on the way that the church could reach out to people in East Anglia.

We are pleased to report that it has been a very active year for our church in East Anglia, and that challenges were overcome with new solutions put in place alongside traditional, familiar ones so that church services, pastoral care and much more were carried out in a year full of achievements.

The pandemic situation has changed a lot in society and in the life of the church. On the one hand, there is greater networking through online offers. On the other hand, a larger proportion of our senior citizens is excluded from this. For children, too, the digital world is no substitute for colourful, diverse parish life. Monitors cannot replace relationships in real life. The parish thrives on personal relationships, celebrations, singing und praying together, and real contacts. In addition, people with disabilities and people without digital media and access are more isolated than ever from church events.

One of the key elements to the success of this year has been Reverend Kerstin Othmer's ability to work out tailor-made solutions to match the specific needs of different parts of the congregation, reflecting the differences in age or geographical area, or access to technology for church members and people in the whole region, despite the limitations arising from the pandemic.

From January to May 2021, most of the church services in Cambridge and Norwich were carried out by Zoom, because a large proportion of the congregations here were able to access digital technology, and gradually replaced by physical church services from June 2021 onwards.

In contrast, the access to technology was not widespread in Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds, so that from January till December the monthly services here were held in person / face-to-face at spacious church halls with full covid-19 precautions in place.

In Essex, neither digital services nor church premises were found to be suitable between January and May, so that worship and pastoral care was provided by telephone and visits by Pastorin Othmer, and then face-to-face bible groups resumed from June onwards. These were well attended, and in September, in addition to the Bible Group meeting, a Baptism Service at Springfield Church, Chelmsford was celebrated and attended by over 50 adults and children. The sense of belonging lasts for generations and becomes clear and alive at these crystallization points such as baptism and burial.

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Special highlights of the year include the congregational retreat from 1-3rd October at Belsey Bridge, a Christian-run conference centre in East England. The weekend included a Harvest Festival service on Sunday, which was a welcome contrast to the digital harvest service of the year before. The theme of the weekend compared the Christian community life to a ship, in harbour and out at sea. It was an important and meaningful weekend which reassured and consolidated questions of faith and helped people connect together as a church and community. A total of 44 people took part either for the whole weekend or part-time. The youngest participant was 5 years old and the oldest 86. Further weekends are planned for 2022 and 2023.

Easter Sunday 2021 was the first service held in person following a long phase of only Digital Zoom services for Cambridge. It was held in the spacious rear garden of the Church House. Attendees greatly appreciated to, once again, be able to celebrate a service together in person, and this being Easter was poignant.

This year also saw Confirmation group activities. After a long time, there is another group of young people who want to be confirmed. "Together we are strong" - the young people followed this motto together with the confirmands from London West German Church. Excursions, experiential educational impulses and basic theological knowledge and traditions are conveyed, practised and discussed. This continues from 2021 leading to their confirmation in 2022.

Throughout most of the year there have been regular children's services and events in Cambridge, with family services held specifically for children and parents, but which anyone can join and which are more colourful and direct in their message. As well as the special family services, the ordinary adult services also include a great many children, who have their own "Kinder-Gottesdienst" separately at the same time as the normal church service.

The popular St. Martin’s Day Festival in November, which last year was on Zoom, this year took place in real life, much to the delight of all the children and parents involved, starting with an outdoor service in the garden, a puppet show, special biscuits + drinks, and an early evening lantern procession and with traditional Martin’s Day songs. This is an event that attracts many more families as well as those who are church members, and it never fails to radiate an extraordinary mixture of fun, German customs, history, songs, and religious message resulting in a unique experience for all.

The always popular Advent Bazaar took place on the Saturday just before the first Advent Sunday. Typical German cakes and delicacies are offered at the bazaar. The congregation presents itself from its hospitable side. The special culinary delights from the local regions of Germany are in demand. Customs and traditions are maintained and connect with each other. Songs, Advent customs and decorations are shown and shared and lead to intercultural understanding.

The Church Newsletter ("Gemeindebrief") was sent out four times per year by post to 83 households, and by email to 180 people. Also, shorter digital newsletter-messages were sent out regularly at least every two months, to highlight any changes and to reach out with spiritual and practical encouragement.

Not to be underestimated is the importance of the large rear garden at the Church House. Its value as an open-air meeting place has been immense, it has allowed many more of our own church events to happen safely within Covid-19 precautions, acting as a magnet for church members from the wider parts of East Anglia to come to Cambridge, as well as providing an attractive and safe area for other community groups during 2021. Generous donations towards the costs of maintaining both the front and rear garden were made by church members and by Rev. Kerstin Othmer, as well as an action day of gardening by church volunteers. The Church House continues to be available for use by public and community groups, including the weekly independent toddler group which resumed meeting from June, a Greek Saturday school that began in October and a Cambridge Choir which used the garden for evening rehearsals in the summer of 2021.

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To enable good governance during times when Covid regulations prevented face-to-face church council meetings, the church council decided that meetings were to be held by a mixture of digital solutions and telephone throughout 2021 and to be held more frequently, thus ensuring that church management could be planned and maintained effectively. The church AGM took place in June 2021 using digital solutions. One new church council member was co-opted in June 2021.

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia is a member of the Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain which as always has been an important source of help and guidance. The Synod also organised Zoom church services - accessible to all its members - during 2021, which included prayers, readings and video contributions from all of the six German churches in Great Britain, including our own church. This helped to increase the connectedness of all the German Church congregations in Great Britain and was therefore a positive development to emerge from the situation caused by the pandemic of the last 2 years.

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia has continued to provide both traditional and new forms of church services, including exciting events for children, families and all ages. With shared worship and prayers, bible meetings, music, and spiritual support for people across the region and giving pastoral care to people in need at times of hardship, anxiety, isolation, illness or bereavement.

The Trustees (also referred to as the "Church Council") would like to thank Pastor Kerstin Othmer for all that was achieved in 2021, for her imagination and energy, hard work and sensitivity in making sure that new solutions could be used as well as traditional ones in all areas of the practical and spiritual life of the church, its members, and German-speaking people in East Anglia. Her work in the church ministry was supported and enhanced by many volunteers, church council members, children's team, lay preachers, newsletter team and many members of the congregations across the region, and all of these people deserve equal thanks for all their time and hard work given to the Church, to enable people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

Project for Basement Damp-Proofing
The work was successfully completed in May 2020, and the final checks made with architects and builder in November 2020, with payments being completed at year end. The remaining amount of £553 not used was returned to the Restricted Endowment Fund in March 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
General
The Trustees acknowledge with thanks the huge commitment of church members, from whom the annual contributions, donations and collections for the church reached a total of £36,731 (£29,597) and Gift Aid claimed this year brought an additional £6,026 (£5,724). Donations received due to Baptisms and Funerals was £633 (None in 2020). Total investment income brought a return of £27,205, being more than the previous year (£19,854). There was a withdrawal made from the investment fund as shown in the Restricted Endowment Fund section.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund which has been available for the Pastor to give financial help in individual cases of any hardship, was not used during 2021 and therefore £350 was still available at the year end. During 2022, the Trustees will decide whether any new allocation can be made towards this fund.

The church received three grants during 2021 from the Synod arising from the KWII Fund. The first was a grant of £1,924 to support general church activities. This was specifically to replace the loss of income caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, since the Covid-19 restrictions prevented the external toddlers group from meeting for the first five months, and the usual income from regular car-parking by nearby office workers was missing for eight months of the year. The other two grants were £1,200 to support general activities including church services and £412 to support the annual congregational weekend at Belsey Bridge. The Trustees greatly appreciated all three of these grants from the Synod.

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Restricted Endowment Fund

This fund is part of the Asset Transfer Agreement which became effective on 31 May 2013, when the two churches, each one a separate charity, merged to become one church and one single charity. The value of the fund is shown in a separate Endowment Fund column, and can be used for the purposes described in the Letters Patent of Charles II, dated 13 September 1672, namely that the Fund's income can be spent in accordance with the Church's general charitable purposes, but the Fund's capital should be invested to generate income, and after careful consideration by the Trustees, the capital should only ever be spent on projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the German-speaking Lutheran Church for purposes which fall within the trusts set out in the Letters Patent.

From 2016 to 2018, the Restricted Endowment Fund had been reduced by net disposals of £156,418 to meet part of the costs of the Disabled access building work that took place in these years, a decision which the Trustees were able to take in accordance with the purposes allowed by the terms of the Restricted Endowment. During 2020, it had been reduced by £50,000 to pay for the essential basement damp-proofing work that was completed that year. In March 2021, £553 that was not used for the 2020 Basement work was returned to the Restricted Endowment Fund. In April 2021 and at the year end, the Trustees decided that a modest withdrawal from the Restricted Endowment Fund was needed to pay for five items of repair and maintenance work in the building, concerning electric circuits, plumbing, heating supply and drainage, and this resulted in a disposal of £4,869. The decision of the Trustees took account of the fact that this reduction in capital funds would reduce the annual income from dividends, but those efforts would continue to be made to increase the church income from other sources, including letting out the premises to community groups.

Investment policy and objectives

Part of the income of the Charity is derived from its investments. The investment manager's objective is to maximise total return with due regard for risk and reports regularly via the Treasurer to the Trustees. The Trustees remain committed to a long-term investment policy aiming to protect the real capital value whilst generating a sustainable level of income to fund current expenditure.

Reserves policy

The total Reserves freely available for distribution held as at 31 December 2021 was £74,621 which is sufficient to cover 9 months of expenditure. The Trustees are aware of the general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. Those Reserves that are not part of the Restricted Endowment Fund are designated for four main purposes (a) for Synod Contribution towards Pastor's Salary, (b) any specific building project, (c) for the purchase of the next motor vehicle and (d) for general property maintenance. The first two are explicitly restricted and the figures are shown as Restricted Funds in the Accounts, whilst the second two are designated by annual review of the Trustees, as parts of the General Reserves. During this year, the Trustees' annual review resulted in the following changes: (c) designated funds at 31 December 2021 for the purchase of the next church car were approved as £2,000 at 31 December 2021, and (d) designated funds for general property maintenance was reduced to Nil at 31 December 2021, following a decision to transfer the amount previous held for that purpose into the fund for general reserves.

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Since 1 June 2013, two churches have merged to become one, as one single charity, with a new name. This section summaries where the details can be found as they have applied to each of the two individual churches until 31 May 2013 and describes the structure as it is for the new merged charity.

(1) German Lutheran Church in Cambridge and East Anglia: (Reg. Charity No. 1135273)
The structure, governance and management are set out in the Constitution dated 11 November 2009, which has replaced the previous Constitution of 15 March 1964.
The Church was founded on 2 December 1956, and the pastoral office was established on 1 May 1959.

(2) "Trust Property and Funds administered in connection with the German Lutheran church (known as the Hamburg Lutheran Church) at Dalston"
(Reg. Charity No. 251121, prior to amalgamation on 31 May 2013).
The legal basis of the Church, which was founded in 1669, is the Charter granted by King Charles II on 13 September 1672. The congregation is called "Hamburg Lutheran Church" and its membership consists of predominantly German-speaking Protestant Christians living in the county of Essex. The principle object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Religion. The church building was formerly located in Ritson Road, Dalston, London E8 but was sold in November 1982, and since that time services have been held in various churches throughout Essex.
For details of the Administration of the Church up to 31 May 2013, please refer to the last Trustees Annual Report and Accounts of year up to 5 January 2013. A copy of this can be requested at any time from the new merged charity.

(3) German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (formerly German Lutheran Church in Cambridge & East Anglia and Hamburg Lutheran Church): (Reg. Charity No. 1135273). The structure, governance and management are set out in the constitution dated 11 November 2009, as amended on 18 May 2013, and as amended on 27 June 2021.

In 2021 the Trustees undertook a thorough review of the Charity's Governing document. Various sections have been amended for clarity and to illustrate the Church's compliance with guidance of the Charity Commission (England & Wales). Furthermore, the Governing document is now available in German and English. Both versions were approved at the AGM on 27 June 2021, and the amendments were notified to the Charity Commission effective from that date.

Throughout the year, the trustees reviewed relevant policies and brought them up-to-date, such as the Health & Safety Policy and Data Privacy Policy.

In 2021 the Trustees also adopted a formal approach to raising awareness of "Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults" in the context of the Church's mission and activities. This saw the introduction of a new Safeguarding Policy, formal Safeguarding training and the appointment of Safeguarding Officers and a Safeguarding Administrator. There have been no safeguarding incidents.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees named in this report are the serving Trustees and meet as members of the church council at least four times per year. Election of Trustees are held every 3 years.

Since 15 December 2020, the property and land of Church House, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8BW is vested in the Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia.

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia is a member of the Synod of German -Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, which is a registered charity No. 266600 and acts as a resource body for all the regional German-speaking churches giving support and guidance in governance as well as organising the appointment and employment of Pastors sent from Germany.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1135273

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs. H. O'Kane
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs T M Hunter FCCA ACA DChA
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Date: 01st June 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies		50,085	-	-	50,085	46,836
Investment income	2	27,205	-	-	27,205	19,854
Other income	3	8,340	-	-	8,340	1,164
Total		85,629	-	-	85,630	67,854
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities						
Church activities		99,919	-	-	99,919	116,045
Net gains on investments		3,838	6,322	36,556	46,716	17,302
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,452)	6,322	36,557	32,427	(30,889)
Transfers between funds	10	4,316	-	(4,316)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,136)	6,322	32,241	32,427	(30,889)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		80,757	62,670	364,844	508,271	539,160
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		74,621	68,992	397,085	540,698	508,271

The notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	6	13,368	-	-	13,368	16,710
Investments	7	40,774	68,992	397,085	506,851	469,581
		54,142	68,992	397,085	520,219	486,291
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	7,769	-	-	7,769	5,724
Cash at bank		15,860	-	-	15,860	19,250
		23,629	-	-	23,629	24,974
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,150)	-	-	(3,150)	(2,994)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		20,479	-	-	20,479	21,980
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		74,621	68,992	397,085	540,698	508,271
NET ASSETS		74,621	68,992	397,085	540,698	508,271
FUNDS	10					
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund					72,621	80,204
Property maintenance					-	553
Budget for new vehicle					2,000	-
					74,621	80,757
Restricted funds:						
Pastor's salary reserve fund					68,992	62,670
Endowment funds:						
Endowed Investments					397,085	364,844
TOTAL FUNDS					540,698	508,271

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14th May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs. H. O'Kane
Trustee

Rev. K. Othmer
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date giving rise to unrealised gains which are taken into the Statement of financial activities. Realised gains are shown separately in the Statement of financial activities calculated as the difference between proceeds and historic cost. Investment income and its tax related credit are taken into account on a receivable basis.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Investment income	27,205	19,854

3. OTHER INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	1,848	158
Other income	1,673	1,006
Weekend retreat	4,819	-
	8,340	1,164

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees were reimbursed a total of £604 (2020: £166) in relation to expenses incurred in their capacity as trustees.

5. STAFF COSTS

Pastor: Paid direct by the Synod of German-speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, of which the Church's contribution is £52,000 (2020: £20,807).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles
	£
COST	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	16,710
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	3,342
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2021	13,368
At 31 December 2020	16,710

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shares	505,851	468,581
Other	1,000	1,000
	506,851	469,581

Additional information as follows:

	Listed investments
	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2021	468,581
Additions	554
Disposals	(10,000)
Revaluations	46,716
At 31 December 2021	505,851
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2021	505,851
At 31 December 2020	468,581

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
National savings & income bond	1,000	1,000

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift Aid tax claim	6,026	5,724
Prepayments	1,743	-
	7,769	5,724

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	350	351
Other creditors	2,800	2,643
	3,150	2,994

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	80,204	(10,452)	2,869	72,621
Property maintenance	553	-	(553)	-
Budget for new vehicle	-	-	2,000	2,000
	80,757	(10,452)	4,316	74,621
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	62,670	6,322	-	68,992
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	364,844	36,557	(4,316)	397,085
TOTAL FUNDS	508,271	32,427	-	540,698

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	85,629	(99,919)	3,838	(10,452)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	6,322	6,322
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	36,557	36,557
TOTAL FUNDS	85,629	(99,919)	46,717	32,427

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	77,456	2,748	-	80,204
Property maintenance	-	(49,447)	50,000	553
	77,456	(46,699)	50,000	80,757
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	60,393	2,277	-	62,670
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	401,311	13,533	(50,000)	364,844
TOTAL FUNDS	539,160	(30,889)	-	508,271

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	67,766	(66,510)	1,492	2,748
Property maintenance	88	(49,535)	-	(49,447)
	67,854	(116,045)	1,492	(46,699)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	2,277	2,277
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	13,533	13,533
TOTAL FUNDS	67,854	(116,045)	17,302	(30,889)

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	77,456	(7,704)	2,869	72,621
Property maintenance	-	(49,447)	49,447	-
Budget for new vehicle	-	-	2,000	2,000
	77,456	(57,151)	54,316	74,621
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	60,393	8,599	-	68,992
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	401,311	50,090	(54,316)	397,085
TOTAL FUNDS	539,160	1,538	-	540,698

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	153,395	(166,429)	5,330	(7,704)
Property maintenance	88	(49,535)	-	(49,447)
	153,483	(215,964)	5,330	(57,151)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	8,599	8,599
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	50,090	50,090
TOTAL FUNDS	153,484	(215,964)	64,018	1,538

Transfers between funds
The endowed fund was created with a transfer of assets from Hamburg Lutheran Church in 2013 and continues to be administered in accordance with its original purpose, which is to generate income from managed investments that is to be spent on continuing the charitable objectives of the Church.

The Trustees are, as part of furthering charitable objectives, entitled to spend the underlying capital for projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the Church for the purpose of their charitable aims.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Contributions	24,737	25,583
Donations	10,792	3,292
Donated services & facilities (collections at church services for own church)	1,202	722
Gift aid recovered	6,026	5,724
Grants	3,124	10,087
Donations for baptisms & funerals	633	-
Collections for charities	3,571	1,428
	50,085	46,836
Investment income		
Investment income	27,205	19,854
Other income		
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	1,848	158
Other income	1,673	1,006
Weekend retreat	4,819	-
	8,340	1,164
Total incoming resources	85,630	67,854
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Pastoral candidates / Lay preachers	174	1,283
Hire of churches & halls	610	659
Congregation & services	1,909	688
Social work	173	349
Newsletter	887	2,371
Donations to charities	3,571	1,428
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	156	-
Weekend retreat	5,230	-
Organist fees	944	1,416
Synod contribution	52,000	20,807
	65,654	29,001
Support costs		
Management		
Council tax	2,168	1,918
Insurance	1,335	1,319
Heat, light & water	2,034	1,600
Gardener, cleaner & admin	2,184	3,207
Property maintenance & refurbishment	13,090	16,950
Damp-proofing of Basement	-	49,535
Motor vehicles depreciation	3,342	-
	24,153	74,529

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Management		
Governance costs		
Telephone	656	789
Stationery and postage	1,560	1,219
Accountancy and legal fees	4,526	8,484
Motor and travel	3,370	2,023
	10,112	12,515
Total resources expended	99,919	116,045
Net expenditure	(14,289)	(48,191)

GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST ANGLIA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HAMBURG LUT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135273

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135273

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

for

German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

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German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives, Organisations & Activities

The objective for which the Church is established is the advancement of the Christian Religion. This is achieved by providing church services and pastoral care for German-speaking Protestant Christians in all of East Anglia, including Essex.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion; enabling ordinary people to live out their faith through the Church's activities.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
Charitable activities

From the start, the church Trustees had expected that 2020 would be a year of changes and challenges, because of the steps involved in appointing a new permanent Pastor for the church, in readiness for the start of September 2020. By the end of March, however, it became clear that there would be many other quite unexpected changes necessary because of the Coronavirus pandemic, and the government's restrictions that became law to restrict the spread of Covid-19.

In January, the church was saddened by the death of Mrs Crista Long, at the age of 67 who had been a church member for many years and represented the Bedford/Milton Keynes congregation on the Church Council, as well as being responsible for the Gift Aid records. The responsibility for Gift Aid was taken on by Barbara Botradi, who was co-opted to the Church Council.

Pastor Harald Bartling who had come here in September 2019 as part-time interim Pastor, had two months leave in January and February 2020. During this time, church services were held partly by our team of five excellent Lay Preachers, and partly by the arranged visits of 3 prospective candidates to visit East Anglia for three consecutive weekends to preach, take church services, and talk to congregation members. This was a busy time, as Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge had church services more frequently, on the weekends of 18th to 19th January; 25th to 26th January and 1st to 2nd February with congregation members from Essex and Bury St. Edmunds travelling to hear the candidates at one of these three places, where possible. Several of the Trustees gave a great deal of personal time and effort to make the three candidates welcome during their visits, for example, with shared meals and driving them to the next town, or to the railway stations for their train connections.

After the third and last of the introductory church services by the visiting candidates from Germany, the next stage was to provide ballot voting at all places in East Anglia where congregations meet, namely, at Essex, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. This was done between the dates of 8th to 22nd February 2020, and the counting of all the ballot papers took place at Cambridge on 23 February. The ballot resulted in a majority of votes for the appointment of Rev. Kerstin Othmer, from Dortmund, to be our future Pastor in East Anglia.

At the beginning of March, Pastor Harald Bartling took church services again across our region until the national lockdown rules prevented this. With the full support of the church council, Pastor Bartling and his wife decided to return to Germany before the end of March. Congregation members could reach him by email or letter and he provided weekly sermons on the church website until the end of June 2020.

From April to August no physical church services could take place, but members of the congregation were able to take part via Zoom in services from other congregations in Britain - or further afield. During these five months support was available by telephone contact between the local church council members and congregation members in each area, as well as more frequent newsletters to reach out to all church members in their homes.

A few families with young children were able to use the church garden in Cambridge during the lock-down as their "park", at different, pre-arranged times, to maintain social distance with the other families.

In May the basement damp-proofing work was successfully completed by Swift Builders. Over the summer the pastor's flat was decorated and new carpets were laid.

At the end of August Pastorin Kerstin Othmer arrived. On August Bank Holiday Monday we were able to welcome her informally with a BBQ in the garden - bring and don't share and socially distant and according to all the regulations.

On 13 September Pastorin Othmer was inducted into her position by the Senior Diemut Cramer in a service again in the church garden and attended by members from all parts of the congregation.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

During the autumn some in-person services could start again in parts of our region. In Ipswich this was possible due to great efforts by the two local church council members to find suitable temporary premises whilst Castle Hill church was unavailable. In Bury St. Edmunds some services were held outside in a garden, later in the year at All Saints Church as usual. In Norwich the autumn services were held in a garden during warmer months, via Zoom in colder weather, and in the church hall at Cringleford in December. In Essex, no church premises were found to be suitable so that worship and pastoral care was provided by telephone and individual garden visits by Pastorin Othmer. In Cambridge most services were held via Zoom, as the weather became too cold for garden services.

Rev. Kerstin Othmer, together with the children's team volunteers, organised a lively online version of the popular annual St. Martins Day Festival, which was enjoyed by many families and children who took part via Zoom.

The Synod arranged a Harvest Thanksgiving Service by Zoom for all German-speaking congregations and Pastoral Areas in Great Britain, and our own area of East Anglia took an active part in this - it was well attended online and could be viewed afterwards on video.

During December there was one Advent Service in Cambridge in the church garden, and two services held on Christmas Eve in the garden, under full compliance of Covid-regulations.

All during Advent there was a daily half hourly Zoom-session in which members of the congregation took it on to tell others about their experiences of Advent. There was a regular turn out of at least 15-18 logged-in accounts.

Despite the limitations imposed by Covid-19, Rev. Kerstin Othmer steered an effective and smooth path in her first four months in East Anglia, holding regular meetings online with the children's team volunteers, Lay Preachers, readers and other helpers to get to know everyone and together prepare church events and worship in the new situation.

Likewise, the Church Newsletter was adapted in order that it could be sent in a digital version, with the result that by the end of the year, two thirds of the readership could receive the newsletter online, while a third continued to receive it by post.

Finally, last but not least, the church in East Anglia created it's own Facebook page, in addition to the official website, in order to be accessible to people via social media.

To enable good governance during times when Covid regulations prevented face-to-face church council meetings, the church council decided that meetings were to be held by a mixture of digital solutions and telephone throughout 2020 and to be held more frequently, thus ensuring that church management could be planned and maintained effectively. Likewise, the church AGM which usually takes place in June in Cambridge was postponed until 11 October 2020, and took place using digital solutions.

The church council members are elected every three years, and 2020 was a year for the elections. Elections took place by postal ballot, and the candidates were eight existing church council members and three new candidates, with the results being formally acknowledged at the AGM on 11 October.

As already described in the section on Governance, the German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia is a member of the Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain which, as always has been an important source of help and guidance. The Synod contributed a grant towards the costs of the vicarage flat refurbishment which was greatly appreciated.

Throughout the changing events of this year, the Church has continued to provide both traditional and different forms of church services and spiritual support to people across the region and giving pastoral care to people in need at times of hardship, anxiety, isolation, illness or bereavement.

The Trustees would like to thank Pastor Harald Bartling for all his contribution to church ministry in the earlier part of the year, and Pastorin Kerstin Othmer for her new ministry on arrival until the end of the year. Warm and grateful thanks go to all the volunteers, church council members, lay preachers, newsletter team and many congregation members across the region who have helped in so many ways, despite the difficulties of lockdown, to enable people to live out their faith through the Church's activities during this challenging year.

Project for Basement Damp-Proofing

As described above, in January 2020 the church council instructed the work of the basement damp-proofing to be done by Swift Builders, who could then proceed to open up the floor boards, allow the Delta damp-proof system to be put in place by a specialist company, and then finish the building work to restore the floor and other parts of the room.

The costs for carrying out the work on the basement would be in the region of £45,982 plus architects' costs, and in January 2020 the Trustees, after careful consideration, decided that it should be met by a transfer of £50,000 from the Restricted Endowment Fund. During this period appeals for additional donations were made in the church newsletter, nevertheless the Trustees were aware that any fund-raising response would be modest, as it was still comparatively soon after the last major building work appeal, which had resulted in very generous individual donations for the Disabled access extension. In total, one individual donation was received towards the appeal for the 2020 basement works.

The work was successfully completed in May 2020, and the final checks made with architects and builder in November 2020, with payments being completed at year end. The remaining amount of £553 not used was returned to the Restricted Endowment Fund in March 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General

The Trustees acknowledge with thanks the huge commitment of church members, from whom the annual contributions and collections for the church reached a total of £29,598 and Gift Aid claimed this year brought an additional £5,724. Total investment income brought a return of £19,852, being less than the previous year. There was a withdrawal made from the investment fund as shown below.

The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund which has been available for the Pastor to give financial help in individual cases of any hardship, was partly used during 2020, as Rev. Kerstin Othmer gave out a total of £150 to assist people in need from this fund and therefore £351 was still available at the year end. During 2021, the Trustees will decide whether any new allocation can be made towards this fund.

The church received two grants during 2020 specifically for help because of the Coronavirus pandemic, namely £199 from the German Embassy in London and £940 from the Synod, and the Trustees greatly appreciated these two sources of help at a time of reduced regular income and increased unexpected costs arising from the Covid-19 restrictions.

Restricted Endowment Fund

This fund is part of the Asset Transfer Agreement which became effective on 31 May 2013, when the two churches, each one a separate charity, merged to become one church and one single charity. The value of the fund is shown in a separate Endowment Fund column, and can be used for the purposes described in the Letters Patent of Charles II, dated 13 September 1672, namely that the Fund's income can be spent in accordance with the Church's general charitable purposes, but the Fund's capital should be invested to generate income, and after careful consideration by the Trustees, the capital should only ever be spent on projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the German-speaking Lutheran Church for purposes which fall within the trusts set out in the Letters Patent.

From 2016 to 2018, the Restricted Endowment Fund had been reduced by net disposals of £156,418 to meet part of the costs of the Disabled access building work that took place in these years, a decision which the Trustees were able to take in accordance with the purposes allowed by the terms of the Restricted Endowment. In 2020, the Restricted Endowment Fund was further reduced by a net disposal of £49,447. (£50,000 gross, with unused amount of £553 put back on 1. March 2021) These decisions of the Trustees took account of the fact that this reduction in capital funds would reduce the annual income from dividends, which could be supplemented in future years by increased income from letting the improved premises to other community groups, in which the basement plays an integrated part.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

Part of the income of the Charity is derived from its investments. The investment manager's objective is to maximise total return with due regard for risk, and reports regularly via the Treasurer to the Trustees. The Trustees remain committed to a long term investment policy aiming to protect the real capital value whilst generating a sustainable level of income to fund current expenditure.

Reserves policy

The Trustees are aware of the general legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. Those Reserves that are not part of the Restricted Endowment Fund are designated for four main purposes (a) for Synod Contribution towards Pastor's Salary, (b) any specific building project, (c) for the purchase of the next motor vehicle and (d) for general property maintenance. The first two are explicitly restricted and the figures are shown as Restricted Funds in the Accounts, whilst the second two are designated by annual review of the Trustees, as parts of the General Reserves. At 31st December 2020, the previous reserves of (c) £13,000 were used for the purchase of the church car and now stands at NIL, whilst (d) stands at £22,589 for general property maintenance.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Since 1 June 2013, two churches have merged to become one, as one single charity, with a new name. This section summarises where the details can be found as they have applied to each of the two individual churches until 31 May 2013, and describes the structure as it is for the new merged charity.

(1) German Lutheran Church in Cambridge and East Anglia: (Reg. Charity No. 1135273)
The structure, governance and management are set out in the Constitution dated 11 November 2009, which has replaced the previous Constitution of 15 March 1964.
The Church was founded on 2 December 1956, and the pastoral office was established on 1 May 1959.

(2) "Trust Property and Funds administered in connection with the German Lutheran church (known as the Hamburg Lutheran Church) at Dalston"
(Reg. Charity No. 251121, prior to amalgamation on 31 May 2013).
The legal basis of the Church, which was founded in 1669, is the Charter granted by King Charles II on 13 September 1672. The congregation is called "Hamburg Lutheran Church" and its membership consists of predominantly German-speaking Protestant Christians living in the county of Essex. The principle object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Religion. The church building was formerly located in Ritson Road, Dalston, London E8 but was sold in November 1982, and since that time services have been held in various churches throughout Essex.
For details of the Administration of the Church up to 31 May 2013, please refer to the last Trustees Annual Report and Accounts of year up to 5 January 2013. A copy of this can be requested at any time from the new merged charity.

(3) German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (formerly German Lutheran Church in Cambridge & East Anglia and Hamburg Lutheran Church) : (Reg. Charity No. 1135273)
The structure, governance and management are set out in the Constitution dated 11 November 2009, as amended on 18 May 2013. The Trustees named in this report are the serving Trustees, and meet as members of the church council four times per year. Elections of Trustees are held every 3 years.

Since 15th December 2020, the ownership the ownership of the property of Church House, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8BW is vested in the Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia.

The German-speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia is a member of the Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, which is a registered charity No. 266600 and acts as a resource body for all of the regional German-speaking churches giving support and guidance in governance as well as organising the appointment and employment of Pastors sent from Germany.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1135273

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Cambridge
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Trustees
Dr G Goldbeck
Mrs C Long (deceased 15.1.20)
Miss M Longstaff
Mrs H O'Kane
Mrs H Waddoups
Mrs S K Hathaway
Dr B Becker
Mrs G Corfe
Mr G Pfeiffer (resigned 11.10.20)
Mrs D Rose
Ms B Botradi (co-opted 12.3.20 – 11.10.20)
Mrs S Guly (appointed 11.10.20)
Mr A C Moering (appointed 11.10.20)
Dr P Schuetz (appointed 11.10.20)
Rev K Othmer (appointed 11.10.20)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr. G. Goldbeck
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
German Speaking Lutheran Church
in East Anglia

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of German Speaking Lutheran Church in East Anglia (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs T M Hunter FCCA ACA DChA
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Date: 21st May 2021

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies		46,836	-	-	46,836	40,904
Investment income	2	19,854	-	-	19,854	20,539
Other income	3	1,164	-	-	1,164	8,273
Total		67,854	-	-	67,854	69,716
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities						
Church activities		116,045	-	-	116,045	75,178
Net gains on investments		1,492	2,277	13,533	17,302	39,169
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(46,699)	2,277	13,533	(30,889)	33,707
Transfers between funds	10	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,301	2,277	(36,467)	(30,889)	33,707
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		77,456	60,393	401,311	539,160	505,453
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		80,757	62,670	364,844	508,271	539,160

The notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	6	16,710	-	-	16,710	-
Investments	7	42,067	62,670	364,844	469,581	502,277
		58,777	62,670	364,844	486,291	502,277
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	5,724	-	-	5,724	4,792
Cash at bank		19,250	-	-	19,250	35,235
		24,974	-	-	24,974	40,027
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,994)	-	-	(2,994)	(3,144)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		21,980	-	-	21,980	36,883
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		80,757	62,670	364,844	508,271	539,160
NET ASSETS		80,757	62,670	364,844	508,271	539,160

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 December 2020

FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		80,204	77,456
Property maintenance - Project for Basement Damp-proofing		553	-
		80,757	77,456
Restricted funds:			
Pastor's salary reserve fund		62,670	60,393
Endowment funds:			
Endowed Investments		364,844	401,311
TOTAL FUNDS		508,271	539,160

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22nd May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr. G. Goldbeck
Trustee

Rev. K. Othmer
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date giving rise to unrealised gains which are taken into the Statement of financial activities. Realised gains are shown separately in the Statement of financial activities calculated as the difference between proceeds and historic cost. Investment income and its tax related credit are taken into account on a receivable basis.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment income	19,854	20,539

3. OTHER INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	158	2,573
Other income	1,006	1,337
Weekend retreat	-	4,363
	1,164	8,273

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

Three trustees were reimbursed a total of £166 (2019: £467) in relation to expenses incurred in their capacity as trustees.

5. STAFF COSTS

Pastor: Paid direct by the Synod of German-speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain, of which the Church's contribution is £20,807 (2019: £32,903).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles
	£
COST	
Additions	16,710
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	16,710
At 31 December 2019	-

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Shares	468,581	501,277
Other	1,000	1,000
	469,581	502,277

Additional information as follows:

	Listed investments
	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2020	501,277
Disposals	(50,000)
Revaluations	17,304
At 31 December 2020	468,581
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	468,581
At 31 December 2019	501,277

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
National savings & income bond	1,000	1,000

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift Aid tax claim	5,724	4,792

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors - (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)	351	501
Other creditors	2,643	2,643
	2,994	3,144

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	77,456	2,748	-	80,204
Property maintenance - Project for Basement Damp-proofing	-	(49,447)	50,000	553
	77,456	(46,699)	50,000	80,757
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	60,393	2,277	-	62,670
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	401,311	13,533	(50,000)	364,844
TOTAL FUNDS	539,160	(30,899)	-	508,271

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	67,766	(66,510)	1,492	2,748
Property maintenance	88	(49,535)	-	(49,447)
	67,854	(116,045)	1,492	(46,699)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	2,277	2,277
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	13,533	13,533
TOTAL FUNDS	67,854	(116,045)	17,302	(30,889)

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	78,544	(1,980)	892	77,456
Restricted funds				
Pastor's Salary fund held by Synod	60,000	393	(60,393)	-
Disabled Access Building Project	4,675	-	(4,675)	-
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	60,393	60,393
	64,675	393	(4,675)	60,393
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	362,234	35,294	3,783	401,311
TOTAL FUNDS	505,453	33,707	-	539,160

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	69,716	(75,178)	3,482	(1,980)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's Salary fund held by Synod	-	-	393	393
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	35,294	35,294
TOTAL FUNDS	69,716	(75,178)	39,169	33,707

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	78,544	768	892	80,204
Property maintenance - Project for Basement Damp-proofing	-	(49,447)	50,000	553
	78,544	(48,829)	50,892	80,607
Restricted funds				
Pastor's Salary fund held by Synod	60,000	393	(60,393)	-
Disabled Access Building Project	4,675	-	(4,675)	-
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	2,277	60,393	62,670
	64,675	2,670	(4,675)	62,670
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	362,234	48,827	(46,217)	364,844
TOTAL FUNDS	505,453	2,818	-	508,271

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,482	(141,688)	4,974	768
Property maintenance	88	(49,535)	-	(49,447)
	137,570	(191,373)	4,974	(48,829)
Restricted funds				
Pastor's Salary fund held by Synod	-	-	393	393
Pastor's salary reserve fund	-	-	2,277	2,277
	-	-	2,670	2,670
Endowment funds				
Endowed Investments	-	-	48,827	48,827
TOTAL FUNDS	137,570	(191,223)	56,471	2,818

Transfers between funds

The endowed fund was created with a transfer of assets from Hamburg Lutheran Church in 2013 and continues to be administered in accordance with its original purpose, which is to generate income from managed investments that is to be spent on continuing the charitable objectives of the Church.

The Trustees are, as part of furthering charitable objectives, entitled to spend the underlying capital for projects that involve the construction, maintenance or improvement of buildings used by the Church for the purpose of their charitable aims.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Contributions	25,583	26,178
Donations	3,292	1,912
Gift aid recovered	5,724	6,156
Grants	10,087	1,100
Donated services & facilities	722	2,187
Collections for charities	1,428	3,371
	46,836	40,904
Investment income		
Investment income	19,854	20,539
Other income		
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	158	2,573
Other income	1,006	1,337
Weekend retreat	-	4,363
	1,164	8,273
Total incoming resources	67,854	69,716
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Pastoral candidates / Lay preachers	1,283	417
Hire of churches & halls	659	1,616
Congregation & services	688	1,483
Church council meetings	-	887
Social work	349	719
Newsletter	2,371	-
Donations to charities	1,428	3,371
Bazaars, sales, sommerfest etc	-	896
Weekend retreat	-	3,554
Organist fees	1,416	2,285
Synod contribution	20,807	32,903
	29,001	48,131
Support costs		
Management		
Council tax	1,918	2,193
Insurance	1,319	1,300
Heat, light & water	1,600	1,717
Gardener, cleaner & admin	3,207	4,121
Property maintenance & refurbishment	16,950	2,955
Damp-proofing of Basement	49,535	5,003
	74,529	17,289

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Management		
Governance costs		
Telephone	789	697
Stationery and postage	1,219	2,768
Accountancy and legal fees	8,484	3,402
Motor and travel	2,023	2,891
	12,515	9,758
Total resources expended	116,045	75,178
Net expenditure	(48,191)	(5,462)